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House Bill 4338 (Substitute S-3 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to permit citizens to recall an intermediate school district (ISD) board member, and authorize constituent school districts to remove an ISD board member. Additionally, the bill would require that constituent school districts review an ISD's budget and then adopt a resolution supporting or disapproving it.

Under the bill, a member of an ISD board elected by members of constituent school districts would be subject to recall by the voters residing in that intermediate school district. The voters also could recall an ISD board member who was appointed to fill a vacancy. A recall vote would have to comply with Chapter 36 of the Michigan Election Law.

The bill would permit constituent district boards to remove from office an intermediate school board member elected by the districts' representatives, or a member appointed to fill a vacancy. A member would be removed from office if at least a majority of constituent district boards, plus one, adopted resolutions requesting removal of the member, and filed those resolutions within 60 days with the secretary of the intermediate school board.

Beginning July 1, 2005, all ISD board officers would have to members of the intermediate school board. (Currently, the secretary and treasurer need not be members of the ISD board.)

By May 1 of each year, the ISD board would have to submit its proposed budget for the next school fiscal year to the board of each constituent district for review. By June 1, each constituent district board would have to review the proposed budget, adopt a board resolution expressing its support for or disapproval of the proposed budget, and submit to the ISD board any specific objections or proposed changes to the budget. If the ISD board received any specific objections or proposed changes, it would have to consider them.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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